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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST ON TEMPORARY CLOSING OF
BERLIN WATERWAY

REFS: (A) USBER 1375; (B) BONN 11040; (C) USBER 1071

SUMMARY: BONN GROUP HAS AGREED AD REF ON TEXT OF REPLY
TO THE SOVIET COMPLAINT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN JULY 22 BONN GROUP MEETING, REPS AGREED AD REF
ON REPLY TO THE SOVIET COMPLAINT. THE FRG REP GAVE
FINAL APPROVAL FOR BONN. REPLY FOLLOWS LINE OF THAT
DRAFTED BY BERLIN MISSIONS WITH A FEW
ALTERATIONS, MOSTLY SUGGESTED BY FRG AND SENAT REPS.

2. BEGIN TEXT

I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY MY COLLEAGUES TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING
RESPONSE TO YOUR STATEMENT OF 19 MAY 1976 TO THE
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CHAIRMAN POLAD.

THE SENATOR FOR BAU UND WOHNUNGSWESEN
BRIEFLY CLOSED A SECTION OF THE SPREE RIVER WATERWAY
TO UPSTREAM TRAFFIC FROM 1400 TO 2100 ON 18 TO 20 MAY
FOR SAFETY REASONS NECESSITATED BY NEARBY CONSTRUCTION.
SUCH ACTIONS HAVE THE FULL APPROVAL OF THE ALLIED
AUTHORITIES.

NOTICE OF THE CLOSURE WAS GIVEN TO THE FEDERAL OFFICE
WASSER UND SCHIFFAHRTDIREKTION NORD WHICH, IN TURN,
INFORMED THE GDR TRAFFIC MINISTRY ON 17 MAY 1976 IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 8 OF THE GENERAL TRAFFIC
TREATY OF 26 MAY 1972 BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE
GDR. THIS TREATY WAS EXTENDED TO THE WESTERN SECTORS
OF BERLIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED
PROCEDURES THAT ARE CONFIRMED IN THE QUADRIPARTITE
AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971.

THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES CANNOT ACCEPT THAT THE PASSING
OF THIS INFORMATION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN
THE FRG IN ANY WAY CONSTITUTED AN ACT IN EXERCISE OF
DIRECT STATE AUTHORITY BY THE FRG OVER THE WSB. NO
QUESTION OF A VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT
OF 2 SEPTEMBER 1971 THEREFORE ARISES. END TEXT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT APPROVE TEXT.
WHEN AGREEMENT ALL ALLIED CAPITALS RECEIVED, REPLY WILL
BE MADE BY CHAIRMAN POLAD IN BERLIN.
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